



BRUCE BRUIN AND HIS DOG 'DAL'

Dalmatian Fails Master's Test As 'Fire Dog'

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — Little Bruce Bruin's new Easter puppy has failed his first test — but Bruce is going to keep him anyway.

Bruce, 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bruin of Grand Rapids, received a dalmatian puppy for Easter. Early Monday, the father reported, Bruce apparently set his blankets on fire and took the new puppy upstairs to take care of the situation. The resulting fire caused \$2,600 damage.

Bruce's father said his son apparently got the idea the dog was a fire-fighting animal.

He said his son had heard stories in school about dalmatians and fire departments. "I guess he's been getting the idea from others, too," Bruin said.

Dalmatians long have been associated with fire departments. Long ago it was thought they got along well with horses and dalmatians were kept in fire barns to calm the horses used to pull firefighting equipment.

Youths Elected In Ann Arbor

Two U-M Students Win Seats On City Council

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — The youth movement fared well as a pair of young newcomers to the political wars, running under the banner of a new political party, won two of five city council seats in the spring election in Ann Arbor.

The victories of Nancy Weschler and Jerry DeGriek, each 22 and a University of Michigan senior, marked the debut of the Human Rights Party in the politics of this university city.

The double win gave the HRP party, whose symbol is a glowing hippo, good bargaining position on the council which will have five Republicans and four Democrats to work with the two HRP winners.

DeGriek and Weschler got strong support as expected from university students, many of them voting for the first time under laws giving the vote to 18-year-olds.

DeGriek polled 2,315 votes as he ousted the Democratic incumbent John Kirscht, an assistant professor of public health at the University of Michigan, and also bested Republican Robert Foster.

Kirscht had 2,069 votes and Foster 1,964 in the First Ward clash.

The Second Ward which takes in much of the U of M campus gave Weschler 2,307 votes while Republican Tom Burnham, a U of M law student, had 1,718 and Democrat Michael Morris, 32, an associate professor of chemistry at the university, polled 1,523.

HRP candidates lost out in the other three ward contests as William Colburn, a Republican and speech professor at the university, won the Third Ward seat, with Republican Bruce Bonner taking the Fourth Ward seat and incumbent Republican Lloyd Fairbanks the Fifth Ward.

The HRP losing candidate in the Third Ward was Genie Plamondon, 24, wife of Pun Plamondon, former White Panther minister of defense now under indictment in the 1969 bombing of the CIA office at Ann Arbor. Returns by wards included:

First Ward
DeGriek HRP 2315
Kirscht D 2069
Foster R 1964
Second Ward
Weschler HRP 2307
Burnham R 1718
Morris D 1523
Third Ward
Colburn R 3220
Stoll D 2383
Plamondon HRP 1538

Fourth Ward
Benner R 2679
Waltz D 2599
Black HRP 804
Fifth Ward
Fairbanks R 2371
Mogdiz D 2170
Burghardt HRP 470

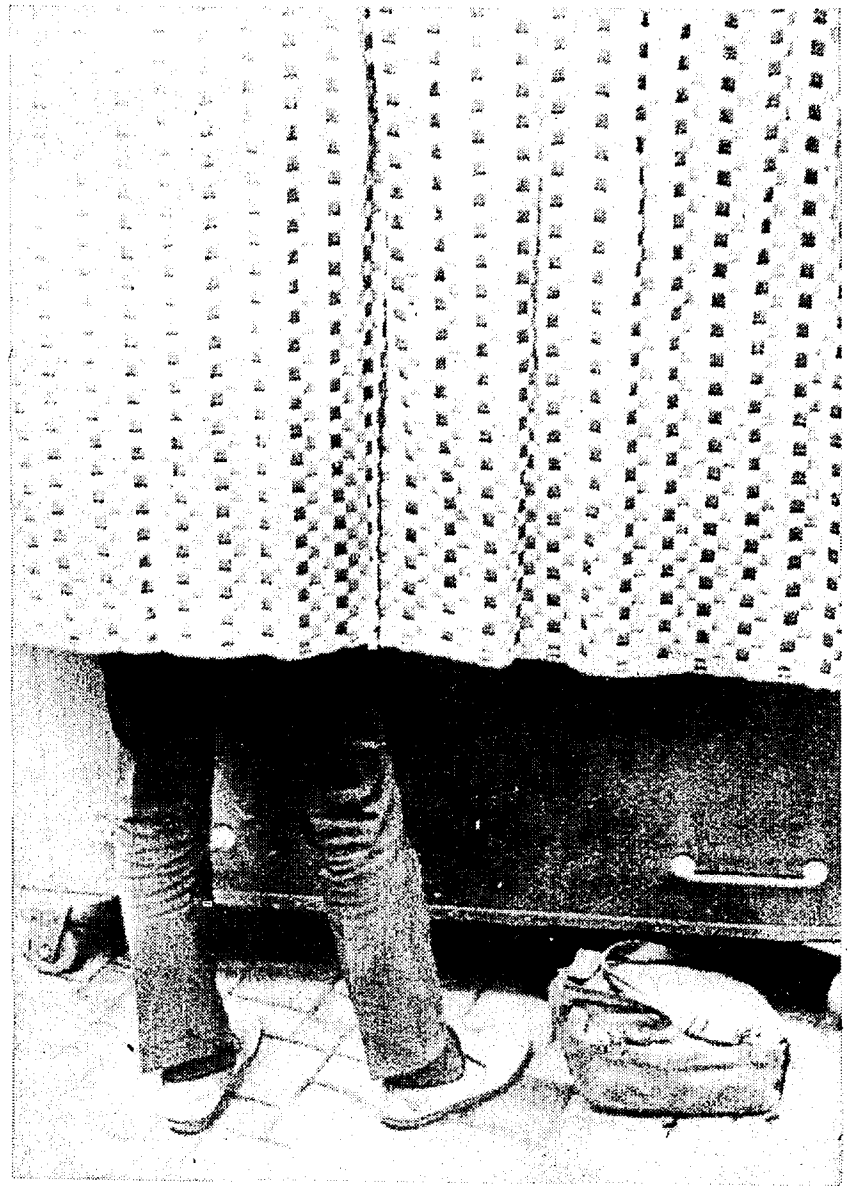
In a citywide issue, voters agreed with the HRP stand and

opposed a \$935,000 bond issue to complete a bypass around the downtown area. The project was started in 1965 but ran out of money. Voters nixed the idea 18,940 to 7,960.

The total vote of 31,130—including 1,500 absentee ballots—was about 51 per cent of the city's voters and was unusually heavy for an off year election.



ELECTED BY YOUTH VOTE: Jerry DeGriek (left) and Nancy Wechaler, candidates of the Human Rights Party (HRP) won two of five seats which were up for grabs during Monday's city council election in Ann Arbor. (AP Wirephoto)



NEW VOICE: The youth vote has arrived in Ann Arbor. In city council election Monday, the Human Rights Party (HRP) was represented in all five wards by young candidates and two were elected. (AP Wirephoto)

Kalamazoo Man Charged With Extortion Here

Benton Harbor police last night arrested a Kalamazoo man on a charge of extortion.

Booked at Berrien county jail was Douglas VanderRoest, 29, of 3221 Butternut street, Kalamazoo.

Det. Lt. Harold Harris said VanderRoest was arrested at the YMCA in Benton Harbor after an alleged extortion payoff was made by a St. Joseph man.

The St. Joseph man said he

had received telephone calls demanding \$300 as payment for an alleged purchase of merchandise made a year ago, according to the report filed by Benton Harbor detectives.

The caller said he had bought the \$300 debt for \$100 and intended to collect the full \$300. The caller suggested the YMCA as a rendezvous and Benton Harbor police suggested the St. Joseph man go through with the deal.

VanderRoest was taken into custody by Det. Sam Watson. The alleged purchase was made while the St. Joseph man was a student at Western Michigan university.

Lt. Harris said the complainant was identified as a Martin A. LaCombe, 22, who gave an address of an apartment house at 1120 Niles avenue, St. Joseph.

Comedian's Son Cleared In Rape Case

VAN NUYS, Calif. (AP) — After the alleged victim refused to testify, rape charges were dismissed against Gary Lewis, son of comedian Jerry Lewis, and another man.

Lewis, 26, and Arnold Rosenthal, 29, were arrested last week after a 19-year-old girl was quoted by police as saying she had been drugged and then raped by several men, including Lewis and Rosenthal.

Students Fail In Election

YPSILANTI, Mich. (AP) — Two incumbents and two newcomers were the top vote-getters in the city council election here Monday in which a much-publicized "student vote" failed to materialize.

George D. Goodman, 31, who was Ypsilanti's mayor pro tem, received 1,878 of the 2,662 total votes cast.

Following him was incumbent O. Shreve Waldenmyer, 63, with 1,483.

The two newcomers who were Michael F. Bunting, 28, with 1,312 and J. Dale Hooker, 33, who received 1,117 votes.

Three students from Eastern Michigan University were on the ballot. They finished eighth, ninth and tenth on a ballot which listed 11 candidates.

Election officials said they thought EMU's being closed for spring break probably held the student vote down.

SAIGON (AP) — South Vietnamese forces lost two more bases in their northernmost province today as U.S. air and naval forces hit the invading North Vietnamese.

The South Vietnamese commander in the north said the enemy invasion across the demilitarized zone had been stopped after five days. But Associated Press correspondent Holger Jensen reported from the front that the South Vietnamese navy abandoned its northern base at the mouth of the Cua Viet River Monday

night after three days of heavy enemy attacks. And today Fire Base Anne, eight miles southwest of Quang Tri City, was reported to have fallen.

This raised to 14 the number of South Vietnamese bases reported lost since the North Vietnamese invaded last Thursday.

The South Vietnamese command denied reports earlier from Vietnamese military sources that government troops had made an amphibious landing at the Cua Viet estuary, which is nine

miles northeast of the main enemy invasion force at Dong Ha. The reports apparently resulted from misreading of an operational plan not yet put into effect.

Jensen reported that U.S. destroyers shelled the area around the mouth of the river this morning after several enemy amphibious tanks tried to cross from the northern bank. The abandoned base was on the south bank.

Saigon's northern commander, Lt. Gen. Hoang Xuan Lam, said the main body of the in-

vasion force had been halted at Dong Ha despite operations of other enemy forces at scattered points to the south.

The South Vietnamese com-

mand said one of its armored columns ran into heavy fighting just below Dong Ha (See back page, sec. 1, col. 2)

BH Girl Lost In Florida, Found In Connecticut

A 14-year-old Benton Harbor high school freshman who became the object of an intensive search around Key West, Fla., during a spring vacation trip, was reported on her way home today with her parents.

The girl, Cindy Saltzman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kavanaugh, 283 Wells avenue, Benton township, turned up missing while on the beach at Key West on Tuesday, March 28, according to a Key West police department report.

Several days later, the police department at Manchester, Conn., notified Key West police that the girl had turned up there. Key West police said they were told the girl indicated she had become frightened when she couldn't find her parents at their motel and had accepted a "ride north" with some college students who had been vacationing at Key West.

The Kavanaughs told Key West police they would pick the girl up in the Connecticut city. According to the Key West police, Sally was left on the beach while the parents went elsewhere for a time and was gone when the mother returned for her.

The U.S. Coast Guards and Key West police searched the entire island and its beaches and waterfront for several days. The mother enlisted the

aid of the local newspaper, the Key West Citizen, as part of a personal search the parents made before learning of her whereabouts.

Mrs. Margaret Foresman, managing editor of The Citizen, said she learned Cindy apparently had returned to the family's motel in the evening and found the door locked and the car gone. The family had been scheduled to leave Key West the next day. Mrs. Foresman said, and the girl apparently thought she somehow had been left behind. The parents actually were searching for the girl at the time, Mrs. Foresman stated.

Key West is located near the far end of the Florida keys, some 150 miles southwestward from Miami.

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LAST OF 28 QUEENS: The final two of 28 community Blossom Queens were crowned last night. Left is Julie Schwanke, Miss Bridgman; right is Pamela Manley, Miss Sodus. One of the 28, to be selected April 17, will reign as Miss Blossomtime over annual fruit festival here April 30 to May 6. Stories of last night's queen contests on back page this section. (Staff photos)

CORRECTION:
Toyota of Benton Harbor
Phone Number is 927-3506

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Restaurant, St. Joseph. Adv.

THE HERALD-PRESS

Editorial Page

W. J. Banyon, Editor and Publisher
Bert Lindenfeld, Managing Editor

April 15th Is A Reminder Of The Good Old Days

Within the next 11 days, something over 70 million Americans will be finishing the agony of filing and paying on their final income tax returns with Uncle Sam; or making arrangements with the IRS to put off the chore.

Though time can not be reversed, the beginning of spring fertilizes the wish that it might be possible, at least for certain purposes.

During 50 years of the nation's history, Americans paid no direct tax to Washington. In the periods of 1802-13 and 1818-61, Uncle Sam financed himself entirely from import duties. Indirectly the average person swallowed the tariff as part of the selling price of the import, but accepted this as better than shelling out directly to the revenue agent.

Before, during and after those periods, tobacco and liquor excises supplemented the treasury.

During the Civil War the Lincoln Administration imposed an income tax which the Supreme Court later on declared unconstitutional because it was not apportioned among the states on a population basis.

Following the Spanish-American War, agitation for an income began in earnest.

The rise of the post Civil War millionaire class stirred those in the lower brackets to the first socialist mutterings of the day, and, equally important, Washington was running out of money to finance more and more demands upon it.

The 16th Amendment, ratified on February 13, 1913, cleared the way for Uncle Sam to reach straight into his nephews' and nieces' pocketbooks.

Thirty days later Congress enacted the first income tax and the first estates (inheritance) tax.

Contrary to their opponents' predictions, Congress sent a mild greeting card. A married man or woman enjoyed a \$4,000 exemption; singles had \$3,000.

The rates began at 1 per cent on the first \$20,000 of taxable income and worked up to 6 per cent on that exceeding \$500,000. America's entry into World War I created a new demand for money, so Congress dropped the exemptions to \$2,000 and \$1,000 and the opening rate to 6 per cent on the first \$4,000.

When Coolidge moved into the White House following Warren Harding's death, the federal treasury had so much money on hand that Silent Cal induced Congress to reduce the rates and boost the exemptions.

Not only was the arithmetic easy, so was the wording in the tax laws. Anyone with a passing grade in high school English and mathematics could read them and understand them.

Today, accountants and tax lawyers argue endlessly to what the verbiage means.

The New Deal introduced much of the complication now on the books, but even during its 1939, pre-WWII climax, only one in 32 Americans paid a federal income tax.

The ratio is now 7 out of 20, and unless some radical change in thinking as to what government should be doing takes place the proportion will soon hit a dismal 1 for 1.

Charlie Chaplin Ends His Exile

While Muskie, Humphrey, McGovern, Lindsay and the other Democratic hopefuls sweat out today's voting in the Wisconsin primary, Charles Spencer Chaplin will be surrounded by an honor guard this evening to prevent movie enthusiasts from mobbing him at New York City's Lincoln Center for The Performing Arts.

The occasion is the termination of a mutual ban between him and the government over his presence on U.S. soil.

Next Monday he goes on to Hollywood to receive a special citation during the Academy Awards proceedings.

Re-runs of his films, most of which he

Communication Rarity

It is becoming something of a mark of distinction to receive a letter these days. Not a business letter, but a personal letter from a friend who simply felt like writing you a letter.

Several things work against this sort of intimate communication in modern society. One is the telephone. Then, too, everybody seems too busy to sit still long enough to write a letter. And some seem to fall asleep if they sit down that long.

Another contributor to the communication gap is the postage stamp. It still serves more or less the same purpose it always did and some of the periodic changes in design are not that objectionable.

The cost is something else. Postage stamps today are worth at least their weight in silver, if not gold. They have come a long way in a short while, denominationally. Too far to use indiscriminately.

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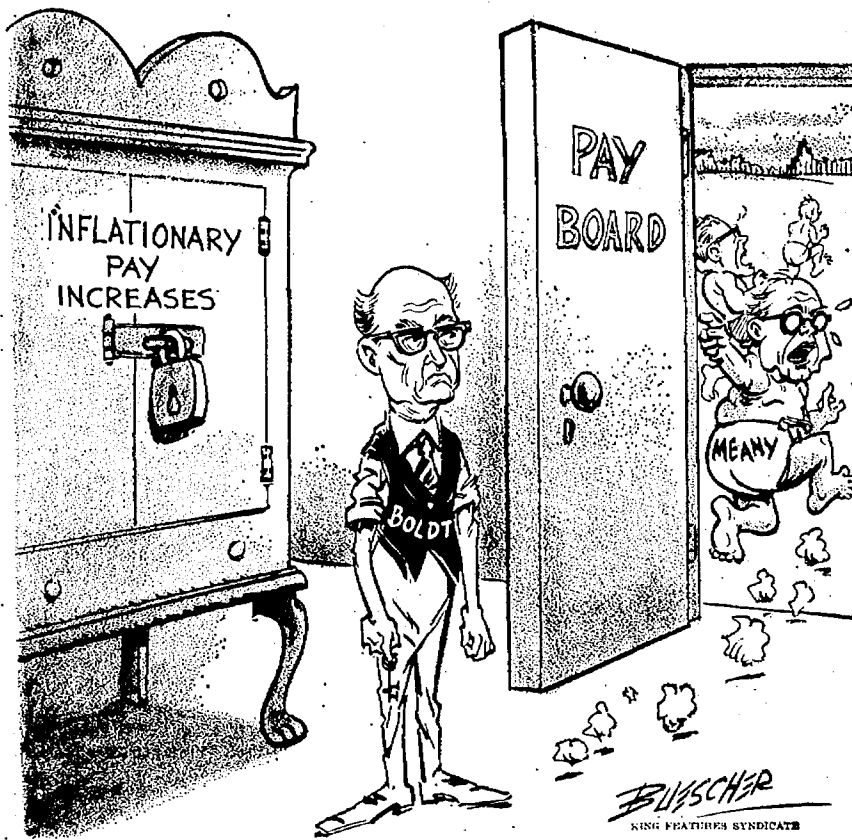
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Cry Babies



GLANCING BACKWARDS

MILK PRICES GOING UP —1 Year Ago—

Milk prices are expected to increase one cent per quart in the southwestern Michigan

area on Monday, according to a local dairy spokesman. Other dairy products are also expected to go up.

The increase follows on the heels of Secretary of

Agriculture Clifford Hardin's announcement of higher price support payments for manufactured milk.

RADIANT QUEEN IS CROWNED —10 Years Ago—

Lovely Ruth Nitz tearfully accepted the crown of Miss Baroda 1962 in Baroda Saturday evening.

When asked how she felt, she shyly replied, "Wonderful!" The five-foot, 6½ inch tall beauty is 17 years old, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Nitz, Route 1, Baroda. Her father is a fruit grower.

DRIVE THROUGH NORTH TUNISIA —29 Years Ago—

British First army troops have smashed deep into the vital German defense zone in northern Tunisia, an Algiers broadcast said today, and are storming toward Mateur, only 18 miles south of the enemy's potential "Dunkerque escape" port at Bizerte.

The radio said Lt. Gen. K.A.N. Anderson's forces were now "pressing on the retreating Germans in the vicinity of Mateur" after a thrust from Secjenane, 25 miles to the west.

NO BAN —39 Years Ago—

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt today issued a statement saying there would be no ban against legalized beer in the White House.

FIRST CLINIC —49 Years Ago—

St. Joseph's first school dental clinic will be held tomorrow afternoon in the emergency hospital at the city hall.

SHIP RELEASED —59 Years Ago—

The steamer Puritan, which became stranded in shallow water near the P. M. bridge yesterday noon, tying up traffic for nearly 12 hours, was released at 11 o'clock last night through the efforts of the sand sucker and the tug, Herbert. She was floated into deeper water.

ELECTION —79 Years Ago—

One of the main features of the election in the second ward was the voting of Henry Edick, who will be 103 years old in July.

EDITOR'S MAILBAG

Editor,
The Herald-Press:

WANTS GRANT TO GO
TO BERRIEN GENERAL
I read with interest the writeup in your paper about the new rehabilitation center, being set up in or around Berrien Springs.

Now this seems very admirable on the surface—but in the very same edition you are practically saying farewell to a very good, very well run, and very much needed institution called Berrien General Hospital. This place is a haven for sick, needy, helpless and oftentimes unwanted people from all about it's territory. They take good care (yes, I'd say tender, loving care) of their patients, whether old and senile, young, injured, sick, or mothers and their new born infants.

This building is already built, but in need of some "repairs". Why build a new place and go to the expense of new nursing and doctors? Why not give these "pledges" and "grants" to a place like Berrien General, which is needed so badly? When our local hospitals say, "he or she" must go, Berrien General takes them in. I know.

Pauline Carty
1778 East Napier
Benton Harbor

Editor,
The Herald-Press

AMBULANCE FIRM CHIEF
OBJECTS TO ARTICLE

The March 28th edition of The Herald-Press carried an article under a sub-headline, which I believe, is inaccurate and unfair.

The use of the word "investigation," as defined by Mr. Webster, does not really cover the alleged accusations leveled by a group of people, who with a malicious attitude toward everything that is fine, fair, and decent for the City of Benton Harbor, made these charges.

The fact that no one had a complaint which could even be documented, should have been noted by your reporter at the meeting. The word "alleged" was conspicuous by its absence.

We have completed over 15,000 calls in the Twin City area in the last 5½ years and have had many people turn their back on the charges and call us every name in the book besides.

The people who we ask to pay at the time of service are not only the ones that we have had experience with as no pay or very slow pay (six months or more); we ask ALL to pay, white or colored. The cash flow into this organization is very important and we must attempt collection on ALL calls.

Experience has proven to us, that if we do not collect at the time of service, we can expect

to become bogged down in problems with insurance liability claims, estate settlements, welfare inconsistencies, criminal proceedings, family feuds, litigation, and plain dishonesty. The news that was printed in your release of March 28th, is demoralizing to the group of trained, dedicated men, who have made themselves available to help ease the tensions of transporting those who are sick and injured in this area; 24 hours a day, 365 days a year for the last 5½ years.

The unsupported allegations of a handful of people is given headline status. The day by day responding to calls and aiding and transporting the sick and injured, goes by practically unnoticed.

The thank you, oral and written, and the notes and letters of appreciation, may not make headlines either, but they do give us the incentive to persist in an often thankless job.

As I am sure you'd be the first to agree, accurate reporting and coverage of all sides of a news story, are the hallmarks of good journalism.

Thank you for the opportunity of placing the foregoing on record, and your time and consideration in the past.

Sincerely,

Melvin Huttenga
President
Action Ambulance, Inc.
Benton Harbor

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Publication of the fact that complaints were publicly lodged against ambulance service does not mean that this newspaper in any way validates the complaints. It is simply reporting them, as well as the fact that the Benton Harbor city commission is sitting the complaints to determine whether that body feels there is, or isn't, justifiable cause for criticism.

Editor
The Herald-Press

CONSTITUTIONAL SPENDING CUT

This Government's wild deficit spending threatens our national survival. Taxes are soaring. When will it stop?

Our Government must set its financial house in order. What is needed is a ceiling on deficit spending. The 40-year-long fiscal nightmare must end — now!

I urge you to write your Congressmen to support H. J. Res. 907 which proposes a Constitutional Amendment to absolutely limit Federal spending.

C. C. Moseley, resident
Grand Central
Industrial Centre
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Glendale, Calif.

Roy Cromley

Nixon May Make Aid-Trade Pact



WASHINGTON (NEA) — President Nixon is known to be seriously considering some form of major credit for the Soviet Union, to be announced during his visit to Moscow in late May.

Men working on the problem expect the decision to be in favor of the aid. The probability is that it will be extended through the Export-Import Bank. Mr. Nixon now has the power to extend this bank credit if he declares it to be in the national interest.

In addition, it is expected that American firms will be encouraged to extend long-range credits to the Russians.

Moscow has told this country it is anxious to develop certain natural resources according to American specifications and requirements if it can be assured of long-range U.S. purchase commitments. Nixon may give general approval of this concept.

The Export-Import Bank credit and these trade commitments would get the Russians off the serious financial hangup they face in the years just ahead — a crisis which, in the absence of U.S. aid, could cause serious internal problems and a shake-up in the Kremlin as far reaching as the ouster of Nikita Khrushchev a few years back.

This assistance would also give the Russians the financial backing and the resource development to carry out a major trade drive in Latin America, Asia and Africa in the last half of this decade.

But as now planned, the President will not make these commitments without a price. Mr. Nixon has made that point

clear to the Russians in terms they can understand. He has, in fact, adopted a Russian negotiating tactic.

Late last year, then Secretary of Commerce Maurice Stans had long talks with the Russians on trade, credits, investments and better treatment for Soviet goods.

The Russians proved eager. The talks were going well. Then Stans was secretly ordered by the White House to go slow — and negotiations dawdled almost to a standstill.

Stans was told by the highest White House sources to make it clear to the Russians that before the United States would take serious steps in trade and aid, the Russians must show some evidence in political accommodation in Vietnam, the Middle East, South Asia, Berlin or Western Europe. He was to make it clear that while it was in the U.S. interest to better relations with the Soviet we were not prepared to be a Santa Claus. We must have something in return for U.S. concessions.

Specifically and of topmost priority, the United States wanted agreement on a mutual slowdown on arms shipments to Vietnam and the Middle East.

This was at the time, it will be recalled, when the Russians were using India-Pakistan differences on the sub-continent to make Soviet gains aimed at dominance in that area and furthering the encirclement of China. It was a time when the Russians surprised the United States again with the size of their continued arms shipments to Egypt.

Jeffrey Hart

Radicals Fear Hanoi May Lose



In a recent column I spoke of the ambiguity surrounding many of the Nixon Administration's policies, making them difficult to assess, let alone attack.

A small tremor of fear is now agitating the ranks of both liberal and radical opponents of the war, and it reaches into the camps of the Democratic contenders for the Presidency.

This fear has its source, oddly enough, in the massive campaign we have been subjected to against the bombing: the Kennedy hearings, Rep. Michael Harrington's demands, and so on ad infinitum. We have heard about the bomb tonnage, about the sophisticated technology, about the devastation.

We are supposed, of course, to react with horror and revulsion. Yet few have raised, in addition, a rather obvious question. Faced with this technology, is it possible that the North Vietnamese in fact May Not Win?

Among radical critics of the war, Noam Chomsky, a professor of linguistics at MIT, has been virtually alone in recent months in raising the specter of that possibility. For his pains, he has been vilified by his radical peers, who

assume as a matter of course the invincibility of the Communist side. For Chomsky even to suggest that Communist will could be frustrated by American technology seems to such radicals a kind of political perversion.

But the fear will not subside, and it has now surfaced in print.

"Suppose, just suppose," whispers Bob Kuttner in the current Village Voice, "that the United States is winning the Vietnam war. It is a fantasy few war critics, liberal or radical, care to indulge." And after some analysis and meditation he concludes: "Nixon's policy of Vietnamization and mechanization has changed the equation so that not only is the United States no longer losing men, it may no longer be losing the war."

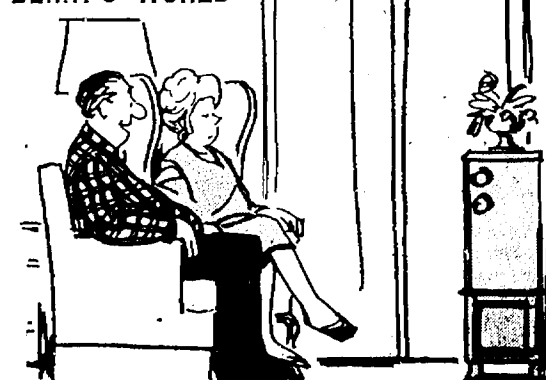
This conclusion receives a good deal of support from the evident anxieties of Communist representatives in Paris. In private talks with American leftists they have been urging repeatedly that the "peace movement" exert itself, as a matter of highest priority, against the bombing.

But the beauty of the Nixon strategy is the way in which it exploits a contradiction in the liberal-radical anti-war coalition. The radicals have always been against the war. From their standpoint, we are on the wrong side and deserve to lose.

The liberal position is quite different. People like Clark Clifford and George Ball, Hubert Humphrey and Edmund Muskie turned against the war only when they concluded that it would not be won at a price we would be willing to pay. The Nixon strategy bears sharply on that theoretical disagreement in the anti-war coalition.

That disagreement, incidentally, underlies the bitter dispute between the McGovern and Muskie camps about the "late" conversion of Muskie to an anti-war position. In the McGovern camp, radicals hold many key positions. Muskie's people are liberals.

BERRY'S WORLD



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"I've got an idea for putting the magic back in our marriage. This evening let's watch shows we never normally watch!"

Conditional SJ Land Sale Rescinded

Commission Has Second Thoughts About Riverfront Property

In the wake of a budding public protest, the St. Joseph city commission Monday night rescinded last week's conditional sale of a strip of city-owned river frontage commonly known as the Wallace Lumberyard property.

Tentative acceptance of a purchase bid by four Twin City

men who want to build a restaurant-bar had come with only three of five commission members present. Last night, Mayor W. H. Ehrenberg and Commissioner Joe Hanley returned from out-of-town vacations.

On motion of Hanley, supported by Ehrenberg, the

erase the conditional sale and delay further action pending "more study and discussion" on what Mayor Ehrenberg termed "this controversial issue." Commissioner Warren Gast was absent.

Both Hanley and Ehrenberg said citizen objections raised commission voted 4 to 0 to

doubts in their minds about selling the 600-foot strip of Urban Renewal land at the foot of State street.

Mayor Ehrenberg produced a petition with 76 signatures from residents of Lake View Terrace objecting to the construction.

The petition read: "We, the undersigned, plead with the St. Joseph city commissioners to withhold permanently any construction of bars in the Park Area along the south bank of the St. Joseph river from the Wayne street viaduct west to the railroad bridge."

Ehrenberg also told the commission that a group of St. Joseph business men had approached him and offered to purchase the land and give it back to the city if the city would use the land for a park area. Ehrenberg declined to name those who made the offer.

Ehrenberg said that some consideration might be given to placing the issue on the May 16 primary ballot for a city-wide referendum.

Yesterday afternoon, the Twin Cities' sister newspapers—the St. Joseph Herald-Press and the Benton Harbor News-Palladium—editorially urged cancellation of the conditional sale. The editorials suggested best use of the riverfront land would be to landscape it to preserve present beauty of downtown St. Joseph. Or, failing that, put something other than a bar on the site. A referendum to settle the fate of the land was recommended.

The sale of the property was given conditional approval last week. The conditions included a request from commissioner Frank Smith that the city try to get more than \$23,000 out of the land. This price is set by Urban Renewal law and, according to city Atty. A. J. (Pete) Preston, is all the city can sell the property for.

Commissioner Warren Gast requested a copy of a letter from the Army Corps of Engineers that no authorization is required from the Corps for docking of pleasure boats at the wharf where the proposed marine bar is to be constructed. That letter was furnished last night by Atty. Thomas W. McCoy, who along with John G. Yerington, Sr., Leroy F. (Bud) Whelan and Neil R. Berndt are the principals in the River Bend corporation.

In the only other commission action, final demolition proceedings against two pieces of property were authorized. Buildings at 804 Pleasant street and 301 Court street will be torn down.

No Fire Found At Potlatch Plant In SJ

St. Joseph firemen checked Potlatch Forest Inc. plant, Hawthorne avenue, St. Joseph, from 10:13 to 10:42 a.m. yesterday but could find no fire. Firemen said the automatic detection equipment malfunctioned.

Michigan Standard Alloys

BH Firm Starts Cleanup

Michigan Standard Alloys, Inc., criticized last week for creating eyesores and alleged hazards around its Milton street plant, has launched an intensive clean-up campaign.

Benton Harbor City Commissioner F. Joseph Flaugh made this report last night. Flaugh heads the commission's finance committee which investigated complaints of piling in street rights of way, ladies filled with hot metal and flats loaded with junk. Trailers parked near the intersections near the plant also were cited.

Flaugh said Herbert Mendel, Michigan Standard Alloys president, along with other firm officials, had met with Fire Chief Harold Gaddie and John Billups of the building inspection department.

Flaugh said Michigan Standard officials indicated a desire to cooperate in the matter. Also criticized last week were odors from Benton Harbor Malleable Industries, 171 Graham avenue. It was reported then, however, that anti-burners to correct this have been ordered by the firm.



PLANNING FORMAL BALL: The Black Student Civic association of Benton Harbor high school will sponsor a formal ball Saturday, April 8, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at BHHS gymnasium. Theme of group's first annual ball is "Black Is What You Make It." Music will be by the Status Quo. Committee in charge of arrangements,

from left: Jack Graham, BSCA president; Sedalia Henry, tickets; Mrs. James Rutter, adviser; Karen Davis, refreshments, and Charles Brock, chairman. Not pictured is Charles Sanders, adviser. All students are invited and tickets can be purchased from BSCA members. (Staff photo)

BH Board Votes 5-1 For June 14 Election

\$25 Million School Building Bond Issue At Stake

Benton Harbor board of education voted 5 to 1 last night to proceed with legal steps to bring a \$25 million construction bond issue to a vote of the people on June 12.

The board's resolution directs the administration to do necessary paper work so that action can be taken at the April 10 board meeting to secure approval of the State Department of Education.

The lone dissenting vote was cast by Edward (Bill) Bentley, board vice president, who said a June vote was too early and suggested next January. Trustee Bernard Beland who usually votes with Bentley on split issues was absent.

Also, at the special board meeting, Supt. Raymond Sreboth announced Benton Harbor high school has been re-accredited without qualification by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary schools. BHHS has been accredited continuously since 1906.

The board seated Randall Reimer, a BHHS junior, as a student nonvoting member to succeed Abe Goldbaum who resigned.

A June 14 bond vote would be the first in the district since 1967 when two bond issues of approximately \$10 million each were defeated. Only registered property owners could ballot then. But it's a new ball game now. All registered voters can ballot including newly enfranchised 18-20 year-olds.

The 1967 proposals were similar but of lesser magnitude than the one now before the board. The current program calls for three new junior highs, extensive remodeling of senior high, and construction or renovation at every elementary school in the district except two-room Spinks Corners.

Trustee Thomas Alford presented the motion to proceed with the building plans and was seconded by Mrs. Janet Scott.

and financial consultants as may be required to bring the matter to a vote on June 12, 1972.

While the board was acting on the building program, less than a dozen teachers showed up at a meeting at the high school auditorium to hear the plans discussed by Dr. Ray Kehoe of the U-M Bureau of School Services. The teachers meeting was called by the Benton Harbor Education association.

The North Central association found no violations in renewing accreditation of BHHS for 1971-72. The school did receive a warning when it went on split shifts in 1970, but this was remedied by making a sixth hour available to all students.

Student board member Reimer was selected by the student assembly. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Reimer, 1800 Broadmoor, he is a member of the Key club, Math club and the Young Peoples organization of St. Matthew's Lutheran church.

Charles Brock, Jr. is the other student representative on the board.



RANDALL REIMER
Student Member

Hagar To Hire Secretary

A secretary is to be hired by the Hagar township board to keep the township office open on Friday afternoons.

Edward Broderick, supervisor, said the board decided last night to seek a secretary at \$3 an hour. He said the office has been open Friday afternoons for about a year.

In other township action, a representative of Nadeau real estate submitted a plan to the zoning board for a 10-home subdivision, north of Hagar on U.S. 33 near the county line.

Chairman Harry Kerlikowske said the plan was taken under consideration by the board and that some changes will have to be made.

Shell Kills Five

SEOUL (AP) — Five South Korean soldiers were killed and another five injured Monday when a Rocket shell, possibly left from the Korean War, exploded on the central western front, the army reported today.

Gast, Selent Elected

Vote Turnout Light In SJ

Warren Gast won re-election and Lee Selent his first term on the St. Joseph City commission yesterday in an election that drew 193 voters and cost approximately \$4.61 per ballot cast.

Gast, of 2718 Lake View avenue and General Manager of Gast Manufacturing Corp., polled 178 votes and Selent, of 2720 Veronica and a Whirlpool executive, received 189 votes. The turnout in the unopposed election was from a registration list totaling 5,373. Gast now starts his second three-year term. Selent replaces W. H. (Duke) Ehrenberg, who is retiring from the commission after



WARREN GAST



LEE SELENT

service spanning almost a quarter of a century.

The St. Joseph City Commission holds its organization meeting next Monday and at that time Ehrenberg will step down, Selent will be sworn in and commissioners will elect a new mayor to replace incumbent Ehrenberg.

Four persons received write-in votes. Betty Bingham

received four and William Larkin, Shannon Madison and Jeffery Starke one each.

City Clerk Charles J. Rhodes said he just guessed wrong on the voter turnout. He predicted 600 would ballot. Figuring cost of 32 poll workers at \$20 apiece for \$640 plus another \$260 to set up the election and for supplies the election would cost approximately \$4.61 per ballot.

Action Ambulance Replies To Critics

It will take the Benton Harbor city commission's health and human relations two weeks to determine what steps, if any should be taken in regards to Action Ambulance Co.

The commission asked further study by the committee, headed by Commissioner Charles Yarbrough, after hearing Melvin Huttenga, Action Ambulance Co. president, defend the firm

mission last night that the ambulance firm never denies transportation, regardless of immediate payment or not, to certain types of cases. He said these include respiratory ailments, including stoppage of breathing; excessive bleeding; all calls by police agencies; or patients under a doctor's care.

Huttenga added, however, that if an ambulance is called by a resident, and its crew finds a person merely intoxicated, the crew might as well suggest that a taxicab be called, because that would be cheaper.

"We've been here for 5 1/2 years and have a good, friendly relationship," Huttenga exclaimed. He also noted that Action Ambulance has \$12,000 or \$13,000 worth of unpaid bills on its books, "from both poor and rich people."

Inability to collect bills owed is a big factor in bankruptcies, Huttenga reminded.

Complaints against Action, voiced by several citizens earlier, centered about costs to the poor. Huttenga said Action rates are lower than many similar firms in Michigan. They vary to include a base rate, night rate and emergency rate, Huttenga said. The base rates were \$20 a run five years ago, and have gone up to \$33, because of increased

operational costs. Huttenga said. The rates are as high as \$43 a run in emergency runs. This was reported to be because of insurance factors related to speed and the use of turret lights and sirens.

Klapp In WHFB Sales Job



HERBERT KLAPP

Herbert C. Klapp has been named director of sales for radio stations WHFB AM and FM, Benton Harbor-St. Joseph. J.P. Scherer, general manager of the stations announced the appointment, saying that Klapp will be responsible for "implementing and sales and marketing functions of the station."

Scherer said the appointment will strengthen all facets of the station's operation, resulting in better service to clients and a more clearly defined internal operation.

Klapp, who resides in St. Joseph, is a former national sales promotion manager for Whirlpool Corp. He also has served as director of advertising for Wheel Horse Products, South Bend.

Klapp and his wife, Carole, are the parents of four sons. The family resides at 2247 Ann drive.

BHHS Concert Band To Play

The Benton Harbor high school concert band will present a concert Thursday at 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

The program will include music from the many styles available to the concert band. Among selections will be "Scenes from the Louvre" by Norman Dello Joio and Mancini and a "Medley for Concert Band" by Alfred Berg.

Tickets at 75 cents adults and 50 cents students will be available at the door or may be obtained in advance from band members.

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Consumer Votes Threaten Family Farm's Survival

By JERRY KRIEGER
(County-Farm Editor)

The family farm is not going to survive "unless something happens" to improve the economic position of the farmer.

And, Twin Cities Rotarians were told by members of Women for Survival of Agriculture in Michigan, unless family farms do survive, conglomerates will take over agriculture, and then "food prices will really go up."

Millie Schultz of Coloma and Millie Wendzel of Waterliet told the Rotarians and their Rural-Urban Day guests

Monday noon at the St. Joseph Elks lodge that the farm wives group has taken its battle as far as the secretary of agriculture to date — and isn't about to quit. "We can't."

Mrs. Wendzel related that when a WSAM delegation visited the department of consumer affairs in Washington last week it was told food prices "had to come down." Rather than accept the flat statement, the women demanded to know why.

"There are more votes coming from consumers than from farmers, we were told," Mrs. Wendzel said.

She insisted that food still is cheap — it costs less than 16

per cent of the average consumer's income, and maintained farmers are subsidizing the nation's policy of cheap food. Michigan fruit and vegetable growers have lost 10 per cent of their net worth each of the last four years, Mrs. Wendzel stated.

Mrs. Schultz said farmers are in a "terrible depression."

She gave the Rotarians an example of how WSAM carries out its battle. A Detroit newspaper recently carried an editorial that made farmers out as evil perpetrators of high food prices. The next day a delegation of

WSAM members from southwestern Michigan drove to Detroit and told the editor what they thought in no uncertain terms. The editor didn't write a correction to change the impression he created, she said, but added he probably will think very carefully before he ever writes such a misleading editorial again.

Mrs. Schultz related how taxes on a 40-acre farm the Schultz family operates soared from \$67 in 1954 to \$869.81 in 1971. She also described how \$25-a-ton apples her husband sold last year went for \$900 in the form of Boone Farm wine.

Bangor Voters Pick Veterans, Newcomer

BANGOR — Incumbents Joseph Distefano and Alfred Lindberg and newcomer Harold Lafler won seats on the city council yesterday in an

election that drew 185 of the city's 808 registered voters.

Mayor James McLarty, who ran unopposed, won re-election with 165 votes.

Totals for the others are Lafler, 140; Distefano, 137; and Lindberg, 80.

Unsuccessful candidates for council seats were Stanley Horton, 75 votes; and Leroy Gough, 77. Gough had announced he did not wish to be elected after accepting a new job requiring that he spend considerable time out of the city.



JAMES McLARTY
Elected Mayor



JOSEPH DISTEFANO
Elected Councilman



ALFRED LINDBERG
Elected Councilman



HAROLD LAFLER
Elected Councilman

South Haven Lions Dinner Is Saturday

SOUTH HAVEN — The 13th annual South Haven Lions Club smorgasbord will be held Saturday, April 8, at Fidelman's Resort from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Proceeds support Lions Club programs for the blind as well as the organization's continuing eye testing service to southwestern Michigan communities.

Tickets will be available at the door for \$5 per person.

Fennville Millage Proposal Defeated

FENNVILLE — A proposal to levy 1½ mills to operate the Fennville school district was narrowly defeated yesterday 13 votes, 366 to 353.

A second request, for one mill for buildings and sites, passed by a 48 vote margin.

Included in the request for 1½ operating mills was the renewal of 9½ previously approved mills which expired with taxes collected this year plus two new mills.

The 1½ mills, which were asked for one year, would have

raised an estimated \$200,000 for school operations.

The money had been described by school officials as essential to meeting rising costs of operating the districts' schools next year.

Fennville Supt. Henry Martin predicted last night that the 1½ mill proposal would be submitted to voters again.

The 1 mill request, approved for one year, was also for millage which had expired this year. Funds raised by the mill have in the past been used to finance construction of additional classrooms and make repairs on buildings.

The vote on the single mill was 384 to 336 in favor of renewal.

Ervin Appleget Local Chairman For Dem Event

Ervin Appleget of Route 1, Berrien Springs, has been named Berrien county chairman for the Democratic party's Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner, Saturday, April 15, in Detroit.

The fund-raising event at Cobo hall is termed one of the nation's biggest election year gatherings of Democrats, with national party candidates meeting fellow Democratic

leaders from 15 Midwest states. "Jeff-Jack" festivities are scheduled this year in conjunction with a three-day Midwest conference, the first to be held in Michigan since 1960.

Appleget, for many years has been active in Berrien county Democratic party business. He is a former county party chairman.

Democratic presidential candidates count Michigan a key state—populous, highly industrialized, and set to hold its first presidential primary election in many years. The primary is May 16.

Joining the candidates in Detroit will be U.S. senators and representatives, governors, mayors and rank and file Democrats from Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, West Virginia, and Wisconsin, as well as from Michigan.

Traffic Deaths

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
April 4 State Police count
This year 468
Last year 430



ERVIN APPELGET

Builders Ready To Petition For Bridgman Annexation

BRIDGMAN — Smith and Schaller, Niles builders, told the Bridgman city commission last night they will present within two weeks a formal petition for annexation of their proposed 62-unit housing development on Shawnee road east of the city limits.

The builders have discussed their desire for annexation with the board in the past, but have not submitted a formal request. They said their engineers will present plans for a sewage lift station required to hook up to the city system within the same time period.

Smith and Schaller propose a \$750,000 duplex development on their 6½ acre site. The 62 units would be built in three phases, with additional units seen later.

The city commission last night also approved leasing the city's Weko beach house to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Wendzel, of Benton Harbor, for one year with option to renew. The Wendzels intend to operate a short-order restaurant in the building, which they leased for \$300 plus 8 per cent of their yearly gross. In other action, the commission:

Authorized the city parks committee to explore the possibility of securing state funds for the development of recreational facilities at Weko beach.

Leased from the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad for five years at \$1 per year a parking area in downtown Bridgman, along side the tracks and adjacent to Lake street.

Voted to donate \$75 to the Bridgman American Legion for

the Memorial Day parade, which it approved for May 29 at 10:30 a.m.

TO COST \$98,500

Fennville Accepts Water Tower Bid

FENNVILLE — The city commission last night accepted the low bid of a Cleveland firm for installing a new 250,000 gallon elevated water tower.

The Chicago Bridge and Iron company submitted a bid of \$98,500. The total project will cost approximately \$110,000.

In other action, the board set May 1 for a rezoning hearing.

Charles Spencer requested permission to remove a migrant building and replace it with a house trailer. The property is zoned agricultural. A proposed budget for 1972-73

totaling \$96,656 was presented. A special meeting was called for April 17 to review the budget and employee salaries.

The commission granted three building permits totalling \$33,000. A \$20,000 permit was given to Clarence Opperman Sr. for an addition and improvements to the old cider mill which is used for canning and packaging. A \$10,000 permit was given the Recreation corporation to remodel the former Gee building on Main street for office space. Bruce Alan Feed mill was given a \$3,000 permit to install two gasoline pumps.

Appointed to the election board for the May 16 primary were Ethel Luplow, Jane Willerton, Jennie Hutchinson, and Janet Morse.

James Davison was appointed to the cemetery board for a three year term.

The Fennville Bible church was given permission to use the east side of South street for parking on Sunday only.

The commission said it is accepting bids for a new police car.

The public nuisance committee plans to interview applicants in the near future for the position of dump operator.

Mayor Eugene Binder proclaimed the week of April 23-29 as White Cane Week at the request of the Fennville Lions club.

PAW PAW — Funeral services for Thaddeus (Ted) H. Dietz, 30, of Paw Paw, who died yesterday of injuries he suffered in a one-car accident near here Sunday night, will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Mary's Catholic church here.

Dietz was fatally injured about 11 p.m. Sunday when the auto he was driving failed to make a curve on M-40 just north of Lawton.

Van Buren sheriff's deputies said Dietz was thrown from the auto which rilled over.

He was taken to Lake View Community hospital and Paw Paw and subsequently transferred to Bronson Methodist hospital in Kalamazoo where

he died about 7:30 a.m. Monday as result of head and internal injuries. He is Van Buren county's third traffic fatality of 1972, and the second this year at the curve just north of Lawton.

On March 9, William Browning, 63, of Paw Paw was fatally injured when his auto collided with another at the same curve.

Mr. Dietz was born April 21, 1941, in Chicago, the son of Thaddeus and Ann Dietz.

He was a graduate of St. Bonaventure high school in 1959 and was the winner of the Rev. Walter Polewski basketball award that year. He also received honorable mention on the All Star Basketball team. He graduated from Parsons Business School in 1961 and had been employed by Stearns-Stafford Inc., of Lawton.

Mr. Dietz was a past noble grand of the Knights of Columbus and had been a member of the Paw Paw Lions club. He was active in the American Legion baseball for several years and was coach of the St. Mary basketball team.

Surviving are his widow, Mary Ann; three sons, Kenneth Paul, Richard John and Walter Gerard; a daughter, Laurie Ann, all at home; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thaddeus Dietz of Lawton; his grandmother, Mrs. Marcy Dziedzic of Huntington, Ind.; a step-grandmother, Mrs. Agnes Kwiatkowski of Chicago; four brothers, Dr. Donald T. Dietz of Muncie, Ind., Thomas of Kansas City, Mo., Lawrence of Paw Paw and James of Lawton and a sister, Rita Ann Dietz, at home.

Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Wednesday in St. Mary's Catholic church, Paw Paw. Rev. Father Leon H. Fuhi will be the celebrant. Burial will be in St. Mary's cemetery, Paw Paw.

The Knights of Columbus will recite the Rosary at 7:30 this evening and the regular Rosary will be recited at 8 o'clock this evening in the Thompson funeral home, Paw Paw.

Friends may call at the funeral home until 10:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Fleeing Killer Is Recaptured

DETROIT, Mich. (AP) — A 25-year-old convicted murderer who failed to return to a Kingston, Ont., jail after being furloughed last December, faces arraignment in federal court in Detroit today on charges of driving a stolen car.

Village Will Buy Property

BERRIEN SPRINGS — The Berrien Springs village commission last night authorized village officials to sign options to buy four possible sites for a new village well.

All sites are outside the village, on land owned by Wilson Trickett, near Snow road.

The sites are to be explored by William and Works, Grand Rapids. If water is discovered at one or more of the sites, the best supply is to be chosen and the land around it purchased at

a cost of \$1,850 per acre.

Preliminary drawings of the proposed \$98,000 recreation and camping area to adjoin the village's new boat landing on the St. Joseph river were presented last night by Gove Engineers, Kalamazoo. Included in the plans are campsites, restrooms, a picnic area, parking facilities and a fish cleaning shed.

Gove is to assist the village in applying for federal funding for the development of the recreational area.

Also coming before the board

last night were Berrien Springs area contractors Gary Rusk and Edward Hardin, who presented plans for the development of four six-family residences on Midway drive in the village. The proposed buildings would be located on two ½ acre plots.

Council action on the proposed development is not required, according to Edgar Kesterke, village president, who said the buildings conform to all village requirements.

In other action, the council voted to accept the resignation

of Gerald Hagans from the library board. Hagans, who was elected to the board Mar. 20, is moving to a home outside the city and will be ineligible to serve. The council will appoint a replacement at a later date.

April 16-21 was designated clean-up week in the village, and the council set April 20 and 21 as special garbage pick-up days. Spring cleaning refuse which cannot be disposed of by normal means may be left at the curbside on those days, and will be hauled away by village personnel.

Coloma Twp. Says No To Apartments

COLOMA — A request to build two apartment buildings west of Boyer road in Coloma township was unanimously denied last night by the township board.

Board members had been reviewing plans submitted by Daryl T. Schlender and Robert T. Fulkerson since their March 27 meeting. The township zoning board had approved the project in February.

Schlender and Fulkerson had requested permission to construct two apartment buildings, each containing four units. Construction would have required a zoning change from agriculture to multiple dwelling.

Under an interim ordinance now in effect, both the township and zoning boards must approve requests for any building permits that would require zoning changes.

Coloma Township Supervisor Roger Carter had earlier voiced his opposition to the proposal, pointing out that the

proposed site of the apartments on a ten acre tract of land was some two miles away from the nearest sewer line. Carter also questioned the added burden the project may have on the already crowded Coloma school system.

Had the request been approved, it would have been the first multiple dwelling permit ever granted in the history of the township. In the past, only single family homes and two-family duplexes have been constructed in the township.

Schlender thanked the board for its consideration and said he hoped to work with the board again in the future.

In other township action, Coloma trustees approved lot splitting in Weatherford Terrace subdivision for contractor Victor Walter, permitting construction of a new house on a lot and a half site.

Trustees appointed Trustee John Ferris and Supervisor

Carter to work with Coloma city officials in planning Student Government day slated for May 22. Coloma high school students will run both the city and township governments on that day.

Trustees approved \$1,139 for purchase of a new duplicating machine and supplies from Dearing Office Machine Co., Benton Harbor.

Township Treasurer Robert Palmer reported that 81 per cent of the townships' property taxes have been collected — an average amount for this time of year.

John Miller, police committee chairman, read the Coloma township police report for the month of March, which reported that the department handled 178 complaints, made 21 arrests, policed five property damage and one personal injury accidents. Stolen property valued at \$825 was recovered during the month.